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Department of Community Services



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"Safeguarding What is
Important to Harford
County Citizens"

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DEA Coming to Harford to Speak About the Dangers of Synthetic Drugs

*Part of the 2013 Harford County Symposium on Drug Prevention,
Intervention and Treatment*

(Bel Air, MD) - - On Wednesday, June 26, 2013, from 7:30 am to 4:00 pm, the Harford County Department of Community Services, Office of Drug Control Policy, will hold the Annual Symposium on Drug Prevention, Intervention and Treatment at Patterson Mill High School, 85 Patterson Mill Road, Bel Air, MD 21015.

Each year the Annual Symposium on Drug Prevention, Intervention and Treatment focuses on relevant and timely issues taking place not only in our county, but nationwide. This year's theme is "Just What the Doctor Ordered," and will provide an opportunity to learn about current issues such as prescription drug abuse, internet safety and sexting, unresolved trauma related to school shootings, the impact of addiction on the family, and the science of addiction.

Special Agent Chip Cooke, with the Drug Enforcement Administration's Baltimore office will give the keynote address on "Synthetic Drugs: Chemicals That Kill." His presentation addresses the emergence of synthetic drugs, their origin, effects, price, and how they are being marketed. The keynote will be held from 8:30-10:00 am and is open to anyone interested in learning about the challenges faced by law enforcement, health officials, and the public in combating the problem of synthetic drugs.

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The Symposium features a wealth of information for parents, teenagers, caregivers, social workers, probation officers, nurses, educators, and the general public. Topics are geared to enable participants to learn about the latest trends in drug and alcohol abuse, intervention, prevention, and treatment as well as expand their knowledge on relevant issues being faced within the community today.

The 2013 Symposium is presented by FACE-IT, in partnership with the Harford County Department of Community Services' Office of Drug Control Policy; Harford County Public Schools; the Harford County Sheriff's Office; Father Martin's Ashley, the Maryland State Police, and the Drug Enforcement Administration. For more information, contact the Harford County Office of Drug Control Policy at 410-638-3333 or odcp@harfordcountymd.gov.

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